Misappropriation of revenue and encroachment of forest by BALCO

†2211. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Government of Chhattisgarh has brought into light misuse of revenue and encroachment of forest land by BALCO (Chhattisgarh);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total area of land allotted to BALCO at the time of disinvestment; and

(d) the details of action being taken by Central Government to make this land free from encroachment?

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Disinvestment of BALCO

2212. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether disinvestment of the remaining forty-nine per cent of the shares of Bharat Aluminium Company (BALCO) is contemplated;

(b) if so, the details of the exercises carried out in that regard so far, including the present status thereof;

(c) the details of production, turn-over, gross profit and net worth of BALCO as per the reports of statutory audit of its accounts conducted for the financial year 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05;

(d) the dividends disbursed in the respective years; and

(e) the details of measures taken to ensure maximum yield to the national exchequer from this proposed disinvestments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

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